

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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OPENING UP OF AIR SERVICES TO FOREIGN PRIVATE AIRLINES

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has studied the implications of opening up of aviation sector to the foreign and private carriers; and

(b) if so, the details and the outcome thereof?

Answer

- MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION(SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a)and(b):- According to Government's assessment, gradual liberalization in international air services is necessary both for accelerating economic growth and also to meet the increasing demand for travel on international routes. Greater air connectivity is particularly important from the point of view of growth of the national economy through comparative advantages in the fields of tourism, business, trade and commerce, each requiring enhanced capacity and connectivity, both in terms of quantity and quality. The policy of measured liberalization pursued in the civil aviation sector, which includes permitting private airlines to fly to overseas destinations, has been done keeping these aspects into consideration.